GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1621
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016
Linkage of Rail Line
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no linkage of Tanakpur-Khatima rail line in Uttarakhand to Kichha-Delhi rail line despite the heavy load of passengers from Tanakpur/Khatima to Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome of the same and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to lay rail line from Khatima to Kichha in Uttarakhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1621 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.05.2016 REGARDING LINKAGE OF RAIL LINE

(a) to (d): Tanakpur-Khatima is already connected with meter gauge rail line and gauge conversion of this section has been taken up as a part of Tanakpur-Pilibhit-Bhojipura gauge conversion project. An expenditure of ` 179 crore has been incurred up to March, 2016 and, an outlay of ` 110 crore has been provided for the year 2016-17. On this section, earthwork, blanketing, bridges work, ballast supply, S&T works, electrical work etc. have been taken up. Further, Khatima-Kichha new line project was sanctioned with a commitment from Government of Uttarakhand to provide land free of cost. Subsequently, State Government did not agree to provide land free of cost. Further, Uttarakhand Government has proposed a change in alignment between Khatima and Lalkuan. All details about the proposed new alignment have been made available to the State Government. The project could not be taken forward due to absence of response from the State Government.

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